

BELGIUM

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	May 58	Royal Decree	3nm	
	Jan 72			Became party to the 1958 Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.
	May 77	Royal Decree		Regulations concerning safety of navigation and preservation of the environment.
	Dec 79	Diplomatic Note	3nm	Breadth based upon customary international law.
	Nov 87	Royal Decree	12nm	
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 69	Laws on the Continental Shelf		Shelf-locked.
	Oct 74	Royal Decree		
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Oct 78	Law on the Fishing Zone	Equi-distant lines	Exclusive fishing zone: licensing for EEC fishermen.
	Jan 79	Royal Decree		Same
	Apr 79	Royal Decree on the Conservation of Fishery Reserve	Equi-distant lines	Fishing zone; will extend approximately 68 km from the coast.
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Oct 90			Territorial sea and continental shelf boundary agreement with France signed.
	May 93			Continental shelf boundary agreement with the UK EIF.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 84			Signed, with a declaration regretting the absence of equitable principles in the formulae for delimiting the territorial sea, and expressing its disagreement with the deep seabed mining provisions of the Convention, confirming its belief that provisions regarding the breadth of the territorial sea are reflective of customary international law, and attaching "great importance to the conditions to which Articles 21 and 23 of the Convention subject the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea."
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement, subject to ratification.